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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **COUNTY CELEBRATES BACKBONE OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION**

*Public is Invited to Attend Ribbon Cutting Celebration and Bike Ride for the  
San Jose Creek and Obern Trail Bike Paths*

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** - The community is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in the Eastern Goleta Valley to celebrate the opening of the San Jose Bike Path and the paving of a section of the Obern Trail. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 30 followed immediately with an informal 5-mile bike ride to the Obern Trail as part of CycleMAYnia.

Second District County Supervisor Janet Wolf and the Public Works and Community Services departments will host the ceremony and bike ride. The event is located at the University Circle Open Space on the corner of Merida Dr. and Agana Dr. in the Eastern Goleta Valley next to the Tree Farm development. The ceremony will be presided over by Second District County Supervisor Janet Wolf and Public Works Director Scott McGolpin.

“This bike path in the heart of the Second District is one of the most important connective routes for bike users, and the County Bicycle Master Plan’s highest priority project,” said Supervisor Wolf. “It enhances safe alternative transportation options for our community, while also encouraging people to ride their bikes for pleasure in a beautiful setting. I’m excited to see this much anticipated route is finally open to the public.”

Construction on the San Jose Creek bike path began in September 2017 and was completed in January 2018. The project includes a 970-foot long Class I bike path between Kellogg Avenue and Merida Drive near Cathedral Oaks Road. The path travels from Kellogg Avenue through the open space next to the Kellogg Tennis Courts, across a 140-foot bridge over San Jose Creek, and along the northern edge of University Open Space. The bike path is part of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan and 1999 Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan (GTIP). The total cost of the project was \$800,000, including \$400,000 from the Measure A Bike and Pedestrian Program and \$400,000 from GTIP.

A separate project, repaving the Obern Trail between Arroyo Road and Turnpike was completed in November 2017 with a total project cost of \$170,000 paid for with funds dedicated to County Service Area 3 (CSA 3), a special district that provides for lighting, parks and open space, and library services in the Goleta Valley.

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